

# JMU Emeriti Association



Rex and Jane Fuller at Emeriti Association Picnic, August 16, 2007

## From the President's Desk...

We're ready to begin another exciting Association year. Our planning committee, Violet Alain and Jerry Minskoff, have some exciting ideas, many of which were based on the member survey. You will recall that last year we established a variety of interest groups and, thanks to the coordinator,

Mary Lou Wylie, the groups flourished throughout the summer and are gearing up for a new season.

We hope you will join us as we renew old friendships, establish new ones, and have lots of fun in the process.

*Nancy O'Hare*

## Welcome, New Emeriti!




Congratulations to the new emeriti, class of 2007. They are:

- Dr. Thomas Arthur, Theatre and Dance
- Dr. James Benedict, Psychology
- Dr. Steven Fairchild, Education
- Dr. Anne Gabbard-Alley, Communication Studies
- Dr. Robert Geary, Jr., English
- Ms. Sherry Hood, Registrar
- Dr. Bethany Jones, Honors Program
- Dr. Alan Neckowits, Media Arts and Design
- Dr. Philip Riley, History
- Dr. J. Patrick Rooney, Music
- Dr. Jon Staib, Physics
- Dr. Stephen Stewart, Health Sciences
- Dr. Richard Thompson, Sociology and Anthropology
- Dr. George Wynn, Economics

- Dr. D. Kent Zimmerman, Management
- Dr. Thomas Arthur, Theatre and Dance
- Dr. Philip Riley, History
- Ms. Sherry Hood, Registrar

We look forward to their active participation in our organization.

## News & Notes

-  Rex Fuller, professor emeritus of Communications Studies, has agreed to fill Frank Palocsay's unexpired term as vice-president. Thank you, Rex.
-  Shirley Merlin, professor of Education and reading specialist, was involved in an auto accident near Baltimore this summer. Her husband, Dave, was killed and Shirley was seriously injured.
-  We are desperately seeking a webmaster. If you have the interest and skill, please step forward.



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## Stars of Stage & Screen...

We are exploring the possibility of filming a brief interview with each of our members to be stored in the JMU computer system. Alumnae and others would then be able to catch up with us in terms of "what are they doing now?" and we would be on record for posterity.

It's never too late to be a star. Just look at Paul Newman.

## Interest Groups: A Brief Review

If you have not yet joined an interest group or two, it is not too late. Call or email the coordinators for more information. If you don't choose, you lose.

- Book Club-meets the second Wednesday of each month, at 2:00 pm, in members' homes. Contact Rex Fuller at rfuller@northriver.coop
- TGIF Wine Tasting—meets monthly in members' homes and other venues. Contact Mary Lou at wylieml@jmu.edu
- Breakfast Club – meets the second Wednesday of each month, at 8:30 am, at the Marriott Courtyard.
- Travel Group –plans our excursions. Contact Martha Caldwell at caldwemb@jmu.edu or Bob Lembright@jmu.edu

## Emeriti Award Second Legacy Grant

Dr. Raymond "Skip" Hyser, professor of History, was selected by Dean David Jeffrey, College of Arts and Letters, as the second recipient of the Emeriti Association Legacy Grant. The \$2000 grant is comprised of emeriti contributions and matching JMU funds and is awarded to an outstanding educator each year.

The award was presented at the College meeting held August 24. Our award recipients and their deans will be invited to join us at our October luncheon.

## Your Executive Committee

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We mourn the death of Frank Palocsay. A professor emeritus of Chemistry, Frank was a guiding force and an enthusiastic supporter of the Emeriti Association from its inception. He served as webmaster, establishing our web site and keeping current information available to us. At the time of his death, he was serving as our vice-president. He will be missed.



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